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A.—(a) & (b) The Government have read an article on the subject which appeared in "Justice" of the 18th October 1927.
(c) & (d) The Government have no information.
(e) The Government have called for a report.

*Abolition of the Pleadership Examination.*

* 1393 Q.—Mr. B. Ramachandra Reddi: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government contemplate the abolition of the Pleadership Examination; and

(b) if so, whether any decision has been come to, and whether the Government propose to abolish the said examination from 1928?

A.—The High Court has decided to abolish the Pleadership Examination with effect from July 1928.

## Irrigation

*Investigation of the Thoppiar project.*

* 1394 Q.—Mr. C. D. Appavu Chettiyar: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Thoppiar project in the Salem district has been investigated by the Executive Engineer of Salem;
(b) if so, what is the result of the investigation;
(c) whether the Government will be pleased to lay the report of the Executive Engineer on the Council Table; and
(d) when the execution is likely to begin and whether the Government propose to execute the scheme early?

A.—(a) Yes.
(b) The plans and estimates are under scrutiny by the Executive Engineer and have not yet reached the Chief Engineer.
(c) This will be considered after the Chief Engineer's report is received.
(d) It cannot be said now.

*Diversion of the left flood bank of the Tambraparni river.*

* 1395 Q.—Mr. D. Thomas: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have under consideration any scheme for the diversion of the left flood bank (northern side) of the Tambraparni river down the Srivaikuntam anicut (Tinnevelly district);
(b) whether any memorials have been received from the residents of Kilpidagai, Appankoil, Savaramangalam and other villagers protesting against any diversion of the existing left flood bank;
(c) whether the opinions of the local authorities have been obtained on these memorials and if so, whether the hon. Member will be pleased to lay the correspondence on the table of this House;